

CHAPTER 7

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ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

SECTION 7-1. DIVISION OF CITY INTO WARDS.

The City shall be divided into four wards. (Code 1959, §24-2; Ord. of 4-13-71; Ord. No. 032-2004, 8-10-04)

(Note: The effective date of this Ordinance shall be January 1, 2006.)

Charter reference--City divided into four wards, §4.

State Law Reference—Va. Const. Art. 7, §5

SECTION 7-2. FIRST WARD DESCRIBED.

The first ward of the City shall comprise the following territory: Beginning at the point of the Winchester and Western Railroad tracts, west of Pennsylvania Avenue, where Fairmont Avenue meets the northern corporate limits; thence southward along the middle of the Winchester and Western Railroad tracks to the middle of its intersection with Wyck Street; thence eastward along the middle of Wyck Street to the middle of its intersection with Loudoun Street; thence southward along the middle of Loudoun Street to the middle of its intersection with Valley Avenue and Gerrard Street; thence southward along the middle of Valley Avenue to the middle of its intersection with Winchester and Western Railroad tracks; thence westward along the middle of the Winchester and Western Railroad tracks until it intersects with the western corporate limits; thence westward along the western corporate limits; thence northward along the western corporate limits; thence eastward along the western corporate limits to the point of beginning.

(Code 1959, §§24-3, 24-4; Ord. of 4-13-71; Ord. No. 024-81, 9-8-81; Ord. No. 042-91, 11-12-91; Ord. No. 045-2001, 11-28-01; Ord. No.032-2004, 8-10-04)

(Note: The effective date of this Ordinance shall be January 1, 2006.)

SECTION 7-3. SECOND, THIRD, AND FOURTH WARDS DESCRIBED.

The second ward of the City shall comprise the following territory: Beginning at the northernmost point of the City at the Winchester and Western Railroad tracts, west of Pennsylvania Avenue, where Fairmont Avenue meets the northern corporate limits;

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thence southward along the middle of the Winchester and Western Railroad tracks to the middle of its intersection with Wyck Street; thence eastward along the middle of Wyck Street to the middle of its intersection with Loudoun Street; thence southward along the middle of Loudoun Street to the middle of its intersection with Valley Avenue and Gerrard Street; thence eastward along the middle of Gerrard Street to the middle of its intersection with Kent Street; thence northward along the middle of Kent Street to the middle of its intersection with Pall Mall Street; thence eastward along the middle of Pall Mall Street to the middle of its intersection with the CSX Railroad tracks; thence northward along the middle of the CSX Railroad tracks to the middle of their intersection with Cork Street; thence eastward along the middle of Cork Street to the middle of its intersection with Pleasant Valley Road; thence northward along the middle of Pleasant Valley Road to the middle of its intersection with Berryville Avenue; thence eastward along the middle of Berryville Avenue to the middle of its intersection with Baker Lane; thence northward along the middle of Baker Lane to its intersection with the northern corporate limits; thence westward along the northern corporate limits; thence northward along the northern corporate limits; thence south along the northern corporate limits to the point of beginning.

(Code 1959, §24-4; Ord. of 4-13-71; Ord. No. 032-2004, 8-10-04)

(Note: The effective date of this Ordinance shall be January 1, 2006)

SECTION 7-3A. THIRD WARD DESCRIBED.

The third ward of the City shall comprise the following territory: Beginning at the point where the middle of Baker Lane intersects with the northern corporate limits; thence eastward along the northern corporate limits to its intersection with the eastern corporate limits; thence southward along the eastern corporate limits to the middle of its intersection with Jubal Early Drive; thence westward along the middle of Jubal Early Drive to the middle of its intersection with Loudoun Street; thence northward along the middle of Loudoun Street to the middle of its intersection with Bellview Avenue; thence westward along the middle of Bellview Avenue to the middle of its intersection with Braddock Street; thence northward along the middle of Braddock Street to the middle of its intersection with Lambden Avenue; thence westward along the middle of Lambden Avenue to the middle of its intersection with Valley Avenue; thence northward along the middle of Valley Avenue to the middle of its intersection with Gerrard Street; thence eastward along the middle of Gerrard Street to the middle of its intersection with Kent Street; thence northward along the middle of Kent Street to the middle of its intersection with Pall Mall Street; thence eastward along the middle of Pall Mall Street to the middle of its intersection with the CSX Railroad tracks; thence northward along the middle of the CSX Railroad tracks to the middle of the intersection of with Cork Street; thence eastward along the middle of Cork Street to the middle of its intersection with Pleasant Valley Road; thence northward along the middle of Pleasant Valley Road to the middle of its intersection with Berryville Avenue; thence eastward along the middle of Berryville Avenue to the middle of its intersection with Baker Lane; thence northward along the middle of Baker Lane to the point of beginning.

(Ord. No. 032-2004, 8-10-04)

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(Note: The effective date of this Ordinance shall be January 1, 2006.)

SECTION 7-3B. FOURTH WARD DESCRIBED.

The fourth ward of the City shall comprise that portion of the City lying south of the following line: Beginning at the point where the middle of Jubal Early Drive intersects with the eastern corporate limits; thence westward along the middle of Jubal Early Drive to the middle of its intersection with Loudoun Street; thence northward along the middle of Loudoun Street to the middle of its intersection with Bellview Avenue; thence westward along the middle of Bellview Avenue to the middle of its intersection with Braddock Street; thence northward along the middle of Braddock Street to the middle of its intersection with Lambden Avenue; thence westward along the middle of Lambden Avenue to the middle of its intersection with Valley Avenue; thence southward along the middle of Valley Avenue to the middle of its intersection with Winchester and Western Railroad tracks; thence westward along the middle of Winchester and Western Railroad tracks to the western corporate limits.

(Ord. No. 032-2004, 8-10-04)

(Note: The effective date of this Ordinance shall be January 1, 2006.)

Charter references--Election of mayor and councilmen, §4; Authority of council to issue certificates of debt or bonds, §18; Authority of council to issue bonds for the purpose of refunding bonds; election of city treasurer, §22; election to fill vacancies in city council, §23.

State Law References--Establishment of precincts, Code of Virginia, §24.1-36, *et seq.*; Elections, Code of Virginia, Title 24.2.

SECTION 7-4. WARDS TO CONSTITUTE PRECINCTS.

Each of the wards of the City as described in Section 7-2, 7-3, 7-3A and 7-3B shall constitute a separate precinct with a polling place as provided in Article II of this chapter. (Code 1959, §24-5; Ord. of 4-13-71; Ord. No. 023-2005, 7-12-05)

(Note: The effective date of this Ordinance shall be January 1, 2006.)

SECTION 7-5. HOUSE OR LOT SITUATED IN TWO WARDS.

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When any house or lot in the City shall be situated partly in two (2) wards, it shall be considered as lying in that ward in which the greater part thereof shall be. (Code 1959, §24-1; Ord. No. 023-2005, 7-12-05)

(Note: The effective date of this Ordinance shall be January 1, 2006.)

SECTIONS 7-6 - 7-16. RESERVED.

ARTICLE II. DESIGNATION OF VOTING PLACES

SECTION 7-17. FIRST WARD – POLLING PLACE.

The First Ward shall be comprised of all of that area described as follows: Beginning at the point of the Winchester and Western Railroad tracts, west of Pennsylvania Avenue, where Fairmont Avenue meets the northern corporate limits; thence southward along the middle of the Winchester and Western Railroad tracks to the middle of its intersection with Wyck Street; thence eastward along the middle of Wyck Street to the middle of its intersection with Loudoun Street; thence southward along the middle of Loudoun Street to the middle of its intersection with Valley Avenue and Gerrard Street; thence southward along the middle of Valley Avenue to the middle of its intersection with Winchester and Western Railroad tracks; thence westward along the middle of the Winchester and Western Railroad tracks until it intersects with the western corporate limits; thence westward along the western corporate limits; thence northward along the western corporate limits; thence eastward along the western corporate limits to the point of beginning. The polling place for this ward shall be the Handley Library located at 100 West Piccadilly Street.

(Code 1959, §24-6; Ord. of 4-13-71; Ord. of 6-1-76; Ord. No. 042-91, 11-12-91; Ord. No. 004-2002, 2-12-02; Ord. No. 038-2004, 8-24-04).

(Note: The effective date of this Ordinance shall be January 1, 2006.)

SECTION 7-18. SECOND WARD – POLLING PLACE.

The Second Ward shall be comprised of all of that area described as follows: Beginning at the northernmost point of the City at the Winchester and Western Railroad tracts, west of Pennsylvania Avenue, where Fairmont Avenue meets the northern corporate limits; thence southward along the middle of the Winchester and Western Railroad tracks to the middle of its intersection with Wyck Street; thence eastward along the middle of Wyck Street to the middle of its intersection with Loudoun Street; thence southward along the middle of Loudoun Street to the middle of its intersection with Valley Avenue and Gerrard Street; thence eastward along the middle of Gerrard Street to the middle of its intersection with Kent Street; thence northward along the middle of Kent Street to the middle of its intersection with Pall Mall Street; thence eastward along the middle of Pall Mall Street to the middle of its intersection with the CSX Railroad tracks; thence

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northward along the middle of the CSX Railroad tracts to the middle of their intersection with Cork Street; thence eastward along the middle of Cork Street to the middle of its intersection with Pleasant Valley Road; thence northward along the middle of Pleasant Valley Road to the middle of its intersection with Berryville Avenue; thence eastward along the middle of Berryville Avenue to the middle of its intersection with Baker Lane; thence northward along the middle of Baker Lane to its intersection with the northern corporate limits; thence westward along the northern corporate limits; thence northward along the northern corporate limits; thence south along the northern corporate limits to the point of beginning. The polling place for this ward shall be Virginia Avenue Charlotte DeHart Elementary School located at 550 Virginia Avenue.
(Code 1959, §24-7; Ord. of 4-13-71; Ord. No. 009-82, 6-8-82; Ord. No. 042-91, 11-12-91; Ord. No. 004-2002, 2-12-02; Ord. No. 038-2004, 8-24-04)

(Note: The effective date of this Ordinance shall be January 1, 2006.)

SECTION 7-19. THIRD WARD – POLLING PLACE.

The Third Ward shall be comprised of all that area described as follows: Beginning at the point where the middle of Baker Lane intersects with the northern corporate limits; thence eastward along the northern corporate limits to its intersection with the eastern corporate limits; thence southward along the eastern corporate limits to the middle of its intersection with Jubal Early Drive; thence westward along the middle of Jubal Early Drive to the middle of its intersection with Loudoun Street; thence northward along the middle of Loudoun Street to the middle of its intersection with Bellview Avenue; thence westward along the middle of Bellview Avenue to the middle of its intersection with Braddock Street; thence Northward along the middle of Braddock Street to the middle of its intersection with Lambden Avenue; thence westward along the middle of Lambden Avenue to the middle of its intersection with Valley Avenue; thence northward along the middle of Valley Avenue to the middle of its intersection with Gerrard Street; thence eastward along the middle of Gerrard Street to the middle of its intersection with Kent Street; thence northward along the middle of Kent Street to the middle of its intersection with Pall Mall Street; thence eastward along the middle of Pall Mall Street to the middle of its intersection with the CSX Railroad tracks; thence northward along the middle of the CSX Railroad tracks to the middle of the intersection of with Cork Street; thence eastward along the middle of Cork Street to the middle of its intersection with Pleasant Valley Road; thence northward along the middle of Pleasant Valley Road to the middle of its intersection with Berryville Avenue; thence eastward along the middle of Berryville Avenue to the middle of its intersection with Baker Lane; thence northward along the middle of Baker lane to the point of beginning . The polling place for this ward shall be the War Memorial Building located in Jim Barnett Park.
(Ord. of 4-13-71; Ord. No. 042-91, 11-12-91; Ord No. 014-2001, 4-10-01; Ord. No. 038-2004, 8-24-04)

(Note: The effective date of this Ordinance shall be January 1, 2006.)

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SECTION 7-20. FOURTH WARD – POLLING PLACE.

The Fourth Ward shall be comprised of all that portion of the City lying south of the following line: Beginning at the point where the middle of Jubal Early Drive intersects with the eastern corporate limits; thence westward along the middle of Jubal Early Drive to the middle of its intersection with Loudoun Street; thence northward along the middle of Loudoun Street to the middle of its intersection with Bellview Avenue; thence westward along the middle of Bellview Avenue to the middle of its intersection with Braddock Street; thence northward along the middle of Braddock Street to the middle of its intersection with Lambden Avenue; thence westward along the middle of Lambden Avenue to the middle of its intersection with Valley Avenue; thence southward along the middle of Valley Avenue to the middle of its intersection with Winchester and Western Railroad tracks; thence westward along the middle of Winchester and Western Railroad tracks to the western corporate limits. The polling place for this ward shall be the Frederick Douglass Elementary School located at 100 Cedarmeade Avenue.

(Code 1959, §24-8; Ord. of 4-13-71; Ord. of 3-9-77; Ord. No. 042-91, 11-12-91; Ord. No. 004-2002, 2-12-02; Ord. No. 038-2004, 8-24-04)

(Note: The effective date of this Ordinance shall be January 1, 2006.)

SECTION 7-21. REPEALED. (ORD. NO. 038-2004, 8-24-04)

ARTICLE III. CENTRAL ABSENTEE VOTER PRECINCT

SECTION 7-22. CENTRAL ABSENTEE VOTER PRECINCT.

There is hereby established a central absentee voter precinct for all elections held in the City of Winchester.

The location of this central absentee voter precinct shall be the Community Room at the Timbrook Public Safety Building, 231 East Piccadilly Street, Winchester, Virginia (Ord. No. 022-91, 5-14-91; Ord. No. 049-95, 10-17-95; Ord. No. 022-98, 9-8-98; Ord. No. 014-2001, 4-10-2001; Ord. No. 036-2004, 08-10-2004; Ord. No. 07-2006, 3-14-06)

State Law Reference--Code of Virginia, §24.1-233.1.